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Letter dated 25 April 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Acting upon instructions of my Government, I have the honour to submit, formally, the present letter to the United Nations Security Council.

Recalling Article 24 (1) of the Charter of the United Nations, which confers upon the Security Council primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has the honour to bring formally to the attention of the Security Council the grave humanitarian "situation" facing Jordan as a result of the influx of Syrian refugees. The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan believes that the continuation of the flow of Syrian refugees into Jordan at the current rate of 1,500-2,000 persons a day (with an aggregate since the start of the Syrian crisis having exceeded 500,000) threatens the security and stability of our country and, therefore, has, we believe, implications for international peace and security.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, invoking Article 35 (1) of the Charter, and recalling Article 34 of the Charter, requests formally that:

1. The Security Council make a determination that this "situation" constitutes a threat to international peace and security if left unchecked and in the absence of the financial assistance required to enable Jordan to cope;

2. Jordan be invited to participate in a private meeting of the Security Council;

3. The Security Council visit Jordan, as soon as it can be arranged.

I request formally that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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